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In re Application of:  
Martinez et al. : DECISION ON PETITION  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.144, filed on August 12, 2009, requesting withdrawal of the restriction requirement first asserted on December 16, 2004 and made final on May 19, 2005.

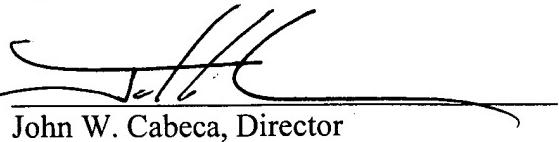
The petition is DENIED.

Petitioner asserts that, while the examiner determines that the inventions are distinct but are related as process of making and product made, the inventions are related as combination/subcombination and a two-way distinctness must be shown for a proper restriction. It is also asserted that the examiner fails to state whether the process claimed defines a contribution over the prior art for a lack of unity rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.475.

It is noted that the arguments presented in this petition are the same as the arguments made in an earlier petition filed December 21, 2005, which petition was denied in a decision of April 17, 2007. Petitioner does not provide any new reasoning to support the assertion that the inventions are related as combination/subcombination. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 806.05(a), the two claimed inventions cannot be characterized as being related as combination/subcombination. The reliance on the unity of invention practice for international applications in their U.S. national stage was found not persuasive but no further argument is being presented in the instant petition. Accordingly, the petition is hereby DENIED. The restriction requirement made final on May 19, 2005 is again sustained.

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The above identified application is being forwarded to the examiner for consideration of the Pre-Appeal Brief Request filed August 12, 2009.



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